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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JAMES MARSHALL OATHOUT

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EXAMINER: JENNA LEIGH BEFUMO

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Introductory Comments**

This is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action, dated July 30, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.

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